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REMARKS

Claims 4, 5 and new claim 21 are under consideration.

Claims 1-3 and 6-20 are canceled without prejudice.

Claim 21 is former claim 3 rewritten to incorporate all of the Examiner's helpful suggestions and to obviate the basis for the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112 as well as the Examiner's objections.

Claims 4 and 5 are amended so as to make these claims dependent on claim 21 (former claim 3), and to improve syntax.

No new matter has been introduced by the present claim amendments.

The rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) has been rendered moot by the cancellation of claim 1.

The claims as amended are deemed to be in condition for allowance. Entry of this amendment and early passing of this application to issue is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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